

Wednesday 1-5-44

Florence, sweetheart:

Being so distant from you has not affected my ability to judge your feminine allure or mental capabilities. Marching along with you for so many years, as partner, husband, and sweetheart, I know that you are beautiful, and that you do have the virtues I continually extoll daily. Knowing you as I do leaves me no alternative but to love you, and it grows upon me more and more daily, and basking, it makes me most happy to be so fortunate.

The letters you mailed on Sunday and the one you wrote Monday both arrived to-day, and it seems the mail service was better than air mail. During this inclement weather I guess you had better avoid the air mail. Received the enclosed \$2, which makes \$11 I received, and thanks for the prompt service. The ten dollars did not arrive, and let's forget about it until it does. Before I overlook this, please buy all January bonds, both for us and James, during the War showing, which starts on January 17 or 18th. I think I read that Allied Trust was ex-dividend, and you should receive a check for \$6⁷⁵ from them. Mr. Purvis can give you the exact date that it will be paid. Did you receive the office check?

Life has its strange twists; after all these years they should suddenly find me to act a jester. Well, it is to laugh, and at the moment I am smiling at the thought of it. I read in the papers, and you mention it in To-day's letter, that N.Y. is covered with snow and ice. Please be extremely careful if you drive, and keep yourself and James well covered when you venture out. Also be certain that the car has plenty of freezing fluid, that cheap stuff has a way of boiling out when the weather

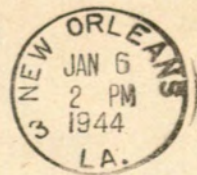
is worst. It has turned a bit warmer down here, and if Jimmy were a little older I'd let you take a trip; but since he's too young, and since I will probably be out of here in several weeks please do nothing until I locate elsewhere. Then we will discuss this subject again.

Still working in the office but I think this deal will be over in a couple of days. To-day my whole company was shifted about, and now I'm in a new company, and different quarters. I list the new address below, which you will please use until notified, and also tell everybody you can about it. The captain of my old company was so pleased with mine and the other clerk's work, that he gave us both letters of recommendation, I will send you a copy of some to-morrow. Do not attach too much significance to it, but it's nice of him to do so, and I'm proud of it too. Mailed you that package of letters to-day; which you can peruse at your leisure. There is some paper there referring to my special work, which you will please keep unto yourself. From time to time I will forward such a package, as I don't want to carry them around.

Hope you and James are enjoying the snow, and the ice-skaters. Believe me, dearest, I too dream of another honey moon on the ski-trails of the Laurentians, and I hope when I return to do that over again, before we have any more children. I feel swell, just thinking of that time to come. We're very contented on our side, and you mean what that means. So glad men and pop get such a tremendous thrill out of Jimmy, and I know that makes you proud, because that's the way I feel.

Stay well, keep smiling, be brave, and just remember I love you always.

as ever.
Gg.



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